

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 18 and 19 are currently pending; claims 6-17 and 20-22 are currently withdrawn. No claims have been allowed. Claims 1-5 are canceled herein without prejudice. New claims 23 and 24 have been added. It is noted that some of the compounds of claim 6, which was not included in Group I presented in the Restriction Requirement of July 23, 2009, do fall within that category structurally; in the interests of advancing prosecution, these species have been re-presented in new claim 23.

Claims 1-5, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and under 35 USC 102(b). These rejections are obviated by the cancellation of said claims.

The abstract of the disclosure has been objected to and has been corrected.

No fee has been calculated to be due. However, if any fee is due for entry of these papers, please charge the fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 13-2755 as a large entity.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants assert the claims are enabled and in condition for allowance. If a telephonic communication will advance the prosecution of the instant application, please telephone Applicants' representative indicated below. Applicants believe no additional fees are due, but the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required in connection with this amendment to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Respectfully submitted,

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